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Groundbreaking for Gym

By Bryan Hassel

On March 10, the ceremonial groundbreaking was held to launch the latest improvement to the MBA campus: the planned addition to Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium. The guests for the ceremony assembled in the gym lobby around 4:00, enjoying conversation and refreshments before the program began.

The program itself was similar to the one held last year for the new Junior School building. Mr. Bondurant and the other invited speakers sat on either side of the podium, while the guests sat facing the podium. The student body was not required to attend and few were actually present.

Mr. Bondurant started the pro-

gram with a welcome to the guests, citing the "significant generosity and commitments" which have contributed to the renovation of the MBA campus. The headmaster thanked the guests on behalf of the school, and then introduced Dewitt Thompson (MBA graduate of 1964), who has been the leader of the campaign for campus improvement.

Mr. Thompson expressed thanks to MBA's alumni who contributed 1500 of the 2500 gifts to the campaign. Credit for the success of the project, said Mr. Thompson, should go to Joe Davis, who initiated, led, and followed through on the project, and to the Board in general, whose time commitment was significant. Mr. Thompson

concluded his speech by emphasizing the value of MBA as an academic institution, and then turned the floor over to Ben Gambill, the major gifts chairman.

Mr. Gambill pointed out the importance of MBA both to students and the community as a whole. He then acknowledged the huge amount of work that went into the project.

George McGugin followed with the task of explaining the planned addition. Benefits of the new space in the gym, according to Mr. McGugin, will be greater lab space, the availability of more practice time for wrestling and basketball, and much needed weight facilities. The addition will also provide a training room, a laundry room, and new locker space.

Joe Davis was next at the podium, simply telling the audience that MBA was probably in the best financial shape ever. The final speaker held a shovel adorned with red and white ribbon, inviting guests to come outside for a symbolic breaking of ground.

While most of the guests remained indoors for wine and cheese, a small group watched the honorary turns of the shovel amidst cheers from the guests. The cold quickly forced all back inside.

The actual construction of the addition will begin this spring and is expected to be completed sometime next fall.



William Steve Maler, recipient of the John Motley Morehead Scholarship.

Maler Gets Morehead

By Lansdon Robbins

On the week of March 1, William Steve Maler was selected by a committee from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill as MBA's first John Motley Morehead Scholar.

Maler, who has attended MBA for four years, is President of the Honor Council, an active participant in the MBA Drama Club, and a member of Totomoi.

"It is one of the finest scholarship opportunities in the nation," Headmaster Gordon Bondurant exclaimed. Mr. Bondurant claims that the scholarship "is worth forty to fifty thousand dollars and benefits not only the students selected but also the University itself." Steve is only the second student nominated from MBA for the scholarship.

An 1891 graduate of North Carolina, Mr. John Motley Morehead and his cousin formed the Morehead Foundation in order to award scholarships similar to the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford. Mr. Morehead himself perfected the first carbide and designed an apparatus for analyzing gases. He also served as minister to Sweden and Mayor of Rye, New York.

For each recipient, the Morehead scholarship covers the

four-year tuition bill in full. Also room, board, and expenses are paid for, and each summer, the recipient participates in a work experience. The summer before the freshman year is devoted to an outward bound program. Prior to the sophomore year, there is an internship with a police department. Before the junior year, there is a private enterprise work experience, and before the senior year, there is a government work experience.

Following the senior year, the Morehead committee selects half of the scholars for a study trip abroad. The selection is based on previous participation in the summer activities. According to Maler, a student "may choose anywhere in the world to study as long as the committee approves."

Steve thinks that the scholarship "is a tremendous opportunity," and hopes that he "can live up to everyone's expectations."

Considering only half of the 120 nominees, who come from all around the world are selected, the fact that Steve received the award is very impressive. Michael Drake, Assistant Headmaster, claims that it is an honor for MBA to even be able to nominate a student. "It is a great tribute to Steve's ability to present himself," Drake says.

"because the Morehead Foundation is so high on presentation qualities," Bondurant says that the scholarship is great for MBA, Steve, and his family.

"I am very eager to begin my four year tenure at the University," states Steve.

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19 or 21: MBA Ponders The Drinking Age

By Mark R. Oldham

To drink or not to drink? Most likely, every student at MBA will deal with this query at some point during their stay on the Hill. However, not until recently have many students pondered seriously the question "At what age should one legally be able to consume alcoholic beverages?"

During the past year in Tennessee, as well as many other states throughout the nation, there have been movements by numerous politicians and special interest groups to raise the drinking age from 19 to 21. Admittedly, these zealots do have convincing statistics to back their cause. About one fourth of the drivers in the nation are under the age of 25, yet this age bracket accounts for more than one third of all automobile accidents caused. In more specific terms, people in the United States between the ages of 18 and 25 cause 7,000 deaths each year because they drive while under the influence of alcohol. This figure averages to 134 deaths per year in each state which means that approximately one person will die every three days in every state because of an intoxicated 18-25 year old driver.

An alternative to raising the age is lowering the legal intoxication level. Once again the proponents have solid statistics behind their cause. The current level of alcohol in the bloodstream necessary to constitute legal drunkenness is .10%, and, for the most part, a younger driver's chance of a crash is much greater with a level between .01 - .09% than other drivers. In one study, over one-half of the young drivers involved in alcohol-related crashes had a level of .02%. Only 20 percent of the young drivers had a level of .10% or more. These facts basically suggest

that young drivers under the influence of small amounts of alcohol appear to have more driving problems than older drivers.

In the last few weeks, the Tennessee legislature resolved that they would not vote on a bill concerning the drinking age limit until next year. This decision may seem to lessen the issue's importance; however, one cannot decrease the significance of the ideas that such a bill could have a great deal of impact upon the MBA community, specifically graduating seniors. For this reason, *The Bell Ringer* feels that this issue is quite relevant to the school and chose to discuss the issue with several teachers and various seniors.

The first faculty member to be asked about the matter was Latin teacher, Mr. Andy Gaither. Considering Mr. Gaither is a Vietnam War veteran, *The Bell Ringer* thought he might have some poignant opinions on the connection between the draft age and legal drinking age. Mr. Gaither stated that he disagrees with any bill to raise the drinking age for the simple reason that he felt "it wouldn't do any good." Also, the passage of such a bill risks needlessly spending many tax-payer dollars. On the draft issue, Gaither firmly supported the present age of 18 because "by this age nearly everyone is almost out of high school and physically mature enough to fight."

Mr. Thomas Sullivan, debate coach and speech teacher, was the next faculty member confronted. Sullivan stated, "I don't think raising [the legal drinking age] would resolve the problem. It would be more logical to raise the driving age." Asked how this

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Editorial: To the students . . .

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freshman class alone, I know of more than half a dozen people of the same commitment to the same religion. All of them complain because they don't know anybody else of the same commitment in their class. They do not realize that it is their own fault for not letting other people know who they really are. Everybody seems so scared to live as he is.

On similar lines, there was a plea in the last issue of *The Bell Ringer* calling for letters to the editors. These letters give people the opportunity to say what they believe on any topic at all. There was no response.

This is understandable to an extent since it is much better to live what you believe than to say it, but who lives it? People who don't know how or for what they live may fall into cynicism: cutting down everything without doing

anything positive, constructive, or even active themselves. Still, the people who do know and care ought to live what they believe before the student body as well as in themselves. Most of those who do care complain about the cynicism and lackadaisical attitude of other students. If these students are not showing others what they believe, they are as cynical and lazy as those whom they complain about.

Perhaps my view is narrow-minded. Perhaps there is a reason other than laziness for cynicism. If so, what is it? If students don't live and say what they really are, then there is no real student interaction. If there is no student interaction, there is no real education. If there is no education, then MBA is a prison; but it is because you the student made it so.

Drinking Age

(Continued from page 1) movement would help the problem, Sullivan explained that it is much easier to eliminate a teen's driving ability than it is to control his or her drinking habits. The City of New York is an excellent example of this theory. There, the driving age is 19 and, as a result, there are very few accidents caused by teens driving under the influence. Sullivan says that he would be in favor of raising the voting, drinking, and draft age all to 21 because he doesn't think "one is mentally or physically able to cope with the responsibilities and pressures generated by these rights."

Mr. Jim Womack, art history teacher and studio art instructor, also had feelings on the topic: "If I could be assured that raising the age to 21 would completely eliminate deaths caused by drunk driving, then I would support it; but I think that there are several considerations that must be taken into account before such a decision is made." Womack was very concerned about the message this legislation would convey to 18 year-olds in our society and its long term effects. He also felt that it would be a contradiction and a double standard to raise the age. Society heavily advocates drinking with its plethora of advertisements and billboards, and yet one who is twenty years old may not even consume one beer.

The *Bell Ringer* last talked to Dr. Nancie Thomas, chemistry teacher, on the issue. Dr. Thomas firmly believes that the drinking age should be raised to 21, however, not all at once. She proposed that the legislature should raise it one year at a time so that the people currently able to drink will not be denied their current

rights. To justify her opinion, Dr. Thomas stated: "I do not necessarily object to 19 year olds drinking, but I think that they can associate with 18 and 17 year olds." Similarly, Thomas does not see any validity in the clichéd argument of "If I can fight in a war, then I should be able to drink a beer." She says, "There is no connection between the two."

Besides faculty members, *The Bell Ringer* was also interested in student opinion about the issue, especially seniors whom the bill would most affect. Actually, the responses were more varied than expected. However, most seemed to disagree with any bill that would raise the legal drinking age. Even most of the students who were strict abstainers from liquor seemed to oppose any such proposal. One of the students who supported a movement to raise the age put it this way: "I don't think it [raising the age] would stop teenage alcoholism because [the teens] could still get it, however, I do think it would decrease alcohol-related traffic deaths." In opposition was the majority of student sentiment. One senior believes that although it is impossible to set the "perfect" age, 18 is the best because "18 is a good median age between 16 and 21, the period when you begin to gain responsibility and depart from the dependency of the home." Also, this student went as far as to say "I think most people are mature enough and responsible enough for their actions at the age of 18."

Ultimately, one must examine all facts, results, and implications of this topic and make a commitment for it is an issue that could have significant effects upon our society and the MBA community.

Passion over Reason Wins Bike Race

By Parrish Lentz

Friday afternoon, February 28, a crisp breeze sweeps the MBA track. Athletes prepare bicycles and bodies for the Bell Ringer's "Tour de MBA," the school's annual bike race. Marginally skilled bikers line up at the starting gate. Eight men, each part of a four-man team, eye their course and ponder the 50-lap marathon ahead of them.

This scene was the culmination of days of preparation by Jeff Gaw and his crack staff who planned the ground rules for the competition. Eight teams of four men would circle the new MBA track 50 times before the race was over. Each team member would be required to take at least a one-fiftieth share of the grueling test. The pole positions had been picked at random, although this mattered little because the first hundred meters was a straightaway.

The time had arrived. All the bikers looked eagerly, anxiously down the course, cheered by their comrades waiting in the team exchange area. Then the eyes of the numerous fans in the stands, the judges, the timer, and the tense athletes all looked to one man. One man who held the reigns of these eight stallions. Dr. Niemeyer, Ph.D. English, a specialty, Reason controlling passion - a mission. Dr.

Niemeyer returned the fervent stares with coolness. The gun exploded. Mingled in the report of the gun's explosion, the athletes' own explosions were occurring: a fire in the brain - an obsession with victory which powered legs and hearts and vehicles. The competitors burst forth - a Genesis, a birth. A race born only to know death 50 laps later.

Certain teams made impressive gains in the early going. Down the straightaway, the highly talented Cyclones (Dale, K. Rollins, Corzine, Shankle, burst forth. Right with them was a dark horse squad. Dark not only because of their lack of pre-race publicity but that name! A name which sends chills up and down the spine of any disciple of Dr. Niemeyer! PASSION OVER REASON! Surely, these young men took the name on a whim - not understanding the repercussions of their actions. The men: Van Riper, Wood, K. Knight, Trevor, Van Riper. The race went on. Passion over Reason took the lead; however, we all knew that they would burn out - that names must burn out!! The race went on. Runcie Clements left the course frustrated by his position and the tedious nature of the race, hoping to blaze a new trail. Unfortunately for Runcie, absolutely no one followed him. The race went on.

And on. The lap counters began to grow faint, the sun began to set, and an unwanted personage joined each team: fatigue. The race went on. Several bad vehicle exchanges almost claimed lives; however, chaos, pandemonium, and death were overcome by a sense of order and reason which the bikers took on. Except for that one team, Passion over Reason. They still led. They had not been drawn off the path to success as Runcie was. And Runcie attends F.C.A. - Is there a God? At lap 49, Passion over Reason led the Cyclones by 2 bits more than 1/4 a lap. The end was in sight. The passionate ones rode in to victory. No lightning bolt. No fissure opening in the track and swallowing the young men. Passion over Reason won! Hard to believe. After 36 minutes, the zealous ones emerged victorious from the contest. They were followed by the Cyclones, and a team known as the Sophomore Idiots. After a brief pause for the remaining teams to clear off their bikes and their humiliation, there was a small ceremony. It was emotional. Not a dry eye in the coliseum. Passion over Reason, the Cinderella team with the heinous name, took their check (\$200,000.00) and a plastic trophy, and departed, leaving behind the losers and their broken dreams.



Juniors Bill Treanor, Ransom Van Riper, David Wood, and Kyle Knight display trophy after their victory in the fourth annual Bell Ringer Bike Race February 25, 1983.

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After signing into the Hotel Chartmartin, our group piled into the subway behind our tour guide, Simone, a part-time student in Madrid. Our journey on the subway ended at the Flea Market, the Spanish version of K-Mart. Everyone's luggage had arrived by the time we got back to Chamartin. The next day, Monday, found us in the ancient capital of Spain, Toledo. Our tour led us through cathedrals, past the home and works of El Greco, and to a restaurant with a panoramic view of the entire city. Our last stop in Toledo placed us in a workshop.

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the next morning and the journey to Morocco began. Passing through the Straits of Gibraltar provided postcard picture material for those who brought cameras. For Doctor Gaffney it provided a splash in the face. Our tour guide for the day in Tangiers was an Arab named Abdul. After a bus tour around the countryside, we returned to the city and began a walk through the failed Casbah and then to a relatively posh restaurant for lunch. The tour of Tangiers resumed and stopped again at the Bazaar where one could buy anything from beautiful handmade rugs to a leather bag which could be folded to the size of a wallet. Leaving the Bazaar we were once again greeted by street salesmen who found it utterly impossible to take "No" for an answer.

Saturday was a day left for lying on the beach or combing the beach for those topless beauties we had been warned about. After trying to get a bit of a tan, I finally gave up and chose rather to introduce the sport of Frisbee to the natives. The last night was again spent in merriment and jocularity at the Hotel los Patos.

The next morning was a time of farewells and thoughts of the coming school days. The trip back for most was a series of blurs of airplanes, airports, scant meals, and dreams of the land behind us.

"The Times, They Are a' Changin'"

By Chris Kelley
 "... The Times, They are a' Changin' . . ."

That song by Bob Dylan was definitely a harbinger to the revolutionary changes in America's obsolete social customs in the turbulent 1960's. Indeed, today a similar revolution is building steam, but this is a revolution of sound. The new revolution rebels against the music establishment every bit as fervently as the analogous one did in the 60's. What this new movement cries for is liberation from the corporate music makers and support from independent recording labels; an alternative to omnipresent top 40-oriented stations.

In the past few years this new "revolution" has been gaining power in Nashville. The first major coup in "Music City" was the ashes of former underground establishments. This club scene, which provides Nashville an outlet for many different forms of musical expression, is centered around two local nightspots: Cantrell's, despite its physical limitations, provides a wide range of music entertainment and Spanky's, refusing to die, reopened April 1. Very recently, a major change has taken place in the format of local radio station WKDA, which changed to a "new music" station, the first AM station of its kind in the southeast. WKDA is helping the local scene a great deal by playing music by bands in the Nashville area.

The *Bell Ringer* recently interviewed the band The Times, a local trio that plays a sort of "power pop" that most find easily accessible to the dancer as well as listener. The Times are Frank Harwell (guitar), Mark Gibson (bass), Randy Ford (drums), and Andy Frost (sound). In this interview, we discussed the development of the local scene and how it

is helping the band along the proverbial road of success.

The Bell Ringer: What do all of you think about KDA and its effect upon The Times?

Randy: [amidst whistles] It's like a new type of dance music. If it weren't for KDA, that music wouldn't be in Nashville.

Mark: It's good to be able to turn the radio on and hear that. You never could do that before. Although they don't have a very good signal, they get out pretty well.

TBR: What do you think of the local club scene?

Andy: At least they're giving clubs of our type a chance to play. There aren't many clubs that will.

TBR: What do you think of the demise of Spanky's?

Mark: Well, Spanky's has finally reopened. We played there last Friday [4/1] for the grand re-opening.

Frank: That was our big club before it closed. I mean we played down there really regularly. They've remodeled it, changed the stage around, and put in plants. I went in and saw it and it's really nice.

Randy: The mixture of rock music and a clean club is not too common sometimes [laughs] so it's really nice to go into a nice place and be able to hear rock and roll. We're real fond of Spanky's.

Frank: It doesn't look like someone's garage.

Mark: Plus, if you are under age, you can get in, which is good.

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TBR: What kind of a band would you describe yourself as?

Frank: It's kind of a pop dance music, but not too pop-ish. Power

pop. It's like rock-pop. You can dance to it — all dance music.

Randy: The word dance is one of our main objectives. Every time we think of a song we try to think of being able to dance to it, without it being too "Donna Summerish," you know. Rock-dance.

TBR: So you can "bop" to it? [many laughs]

Frank: It's got a good, straight beat.

TBR: What are the band's musical influences?

Randy: The Beatles, real old Stones, old David Bowie, Creedence Clearwater Revival was one of my biggies back then. I started listening to music really early. I was into music when I was only seven or eight years old.

Mark: I played guitar seven years before I picked up the bass, so I don't have any influences on the bass. I don't do your little boogie runs when I play guitar. I was into Hendrix and Robin Trower and stuff. For the past three years it's been Beatles and Cheap Trick. Ever since I picked up the bass, I've had to forget about the wild solo stuff. I go more for what I like to listen to.

Frank: My guitar influences are Mick Ronson, one of my favorites, Keith Richards, Mick Taylor. Most of my early influences were the heavy metal bands like Hendrix and Cream, 'bout then I started getting into the songwriting, listening to the words, which is why I started getting into David Bowie and the Beatles.

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U2 Shows Progress with War

By Bob

For the past few years, The Clash and the Jam have been Britain's best known political bands. With the new album *War*, however, another band from the UK joins the club, U2, Ireland's gift to the music world. From the beginning it was obvious that U2 was capable of impressive music but what makes *War* a superior work to both *Boy* and *October* is what it says. The first two efforts focused fleeting attention on childhood problems and religion, respectively. *War* deals with what else - war.

"Sunday Bloody Sunday" and "Seconds" open the album. The songs move from jagged dance beats to those sustained, beautifully dramatic chords that one has come to expect from the band. These jumbled melodies compliment the lyrics that ask "how long must we endure the craziness of fighting?" These songs are musically the least satisfying (probably on purpose) but lyrically the strongest.

Equally fun is U2's new-found dark sense of humor. "Seconds" includes an a cappella solo by children who exclaim, "I want to live a life of danger!" Just then the

music and lyrics about the lunacy of nuclear blackmail begin again. Don't they know they are already living a life of danger? In "New Year's Day" Bono wisecracks, "So we are told, this is a golden age/Gold is the reason for the wars we wage!" The more one hears this line, the more irony it carries.

In general, the musical strengths of *War* lie in the well-honed arrangements and carefully done dynamics. The Edge has managed to increase the sophistication of his guitar parts while maintaining the bluntness and (pardon the pun) the edge of his earlier work. The bass of Adam Clayton and the beat of Larry Mullen, Jr.'s drums have swung to more dance oriented rhythms, giving the songs a more directed and determined sound.

The lyrics on *War* don't offer any earth-shaking revelations to the problems of war, because there simply aren't any; but the fact that they acknowledge the problem intelligently, and do it in a way that sweeps the listener off his/her feet makes *War* U2's best album.



The Times: Mark Gibson, Frank Harwell, and Randy Ford.

Return To Forever at Vandy

By Terry Watterson
 and Mark R. Oldham

With the experimentation done today in the fields of techno-punk, and avant-garde rhythms, it is a true relief to see some people with some musical talent experiment with new sounds. On Sunday, March 20, Return To Forever, composed of contemporary jazz legends Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke, Al DiMeola, and Lenny White, arrived at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gymnasium.

The quartet of musicians opened their show to a near-full gymnasium and played three consecutive numbers never heard before by a live audience. Unfortunately, however, due to somewhat lacking acoustics and the intricate nature of the arrangements, it was difficult for one to absorb the full effects of the music. After this forty-five minute set Stanley Clarke sincerely thanked the audience for their loyal support of the band during the last years. After these few words of thanks, Clarke then announced that the remainder of the show would be predominated by songs of a more popular origin. Return To Forever then im-

mediately launched into the title cut from their album *No Mystery*. During this piece, Al DiMeola definitely proved his competence as a true guitar virtuoso. Next the quartet began a stunning version of the title cut from *Romantic Warrior*, possibly their best album. On this track, the musicians fused together in many parts but displayed their individual talent during other sections. Immediately following this number came the Dual of the Jester and Tyrant, also from the *Romantic Warrior* album. Throughout this piece Stanley Clarke demonstrated immeasurable talent on his magic bass and truly stole the show. Also notable was Chick Corea's innovative keyboard work as well as his leading a frustrated audience to try to clap to an impossible rhythm.

Return To Forever then had an obligatory "thank you" and left the stage, however, the audience knew of the traditional concert behavior and quickly began the usual obnoxious applauds. After about three minutes, the band returned to end the show with an extended encore of material from the L.P. *Where Have I Known You*.

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Big Red Skiers Take To Colorado Mountains

By Andrew McAllister

Over Spring Break, 21 MBA students travelled to the wonderful state of Colorado for a week of relaxation on the slopes of Steamboat Springs.

Relaxation? After having gone to school since Christmas without a significant break, these boys were ready to pack several months of vacation into one week. Right, Bryan? Everyone managed to get to the airport by seven o'clock on the morning of Sunday, March 13, and the trip began. Upon arrival in Denver, Matt Dolloff was heard to say "Oh, no! I left my luggage in Nashville!" After an uneventful four-hour bus ride through the Rocky Mountains, the group finally reached the now legendary Steamboat Springs. Everyone was impressed by the luxurious hotel in which we would be staying; however, one astute skier soon realized that the accommodations were actually the project - like building towards the back. The rooms, to everyone's surprise, were far better than the outward appearance reflected. They had a lived-in air to them.

Everyone slept well the first night, awaking Monday morning refreshed by the crisp, clean air and deep blue skies. There was a considerable amount of ice on the slopes on Monday, but snow Mon-

day night covered the ice for the rest of the week. After a long day of skiing, the big event was a grueling poker game in smoke-filled room #4. The big winner was John Carter. What a nice, sweet boy. Due the lack of available entertainment, about all there was to do in the evenings was eat and watch T.V. Matt's lost luggage turned up on his doorstep.

The next day, Blevins was seen hopelessly plastered to a tree. How's your knee, Brad?

One of the pleasures of skiing is riding the lifts. One valuable lesson was learned: never ride on the gondola with Kip.

About Wednesday, our fearless leader, Mr. Sacelardes, came down with the three-day bug. As a token of their appreciation, the skiers presented Mr. Sacelardes and his wife with lovely powder jackets, designed by Bill Blas himself for the couple.

By the end of the week, everyone was so in love with the luscious powder and gorgeous scenery that they didn't want to leave. Scott didn't want to leave his many last loves.

Saturday morning, the group left this lovely vacation spot and reached Nashville late that night, all tolled, the trip was a great success. Hey, Fabian, was this a great trip or what?

Class News

Freshmen...

By Charlie Reasor

Richard Giardina's demerit appeal is successful; George Malby finds Barry Manilow's concert to be "O.K.;" The "A-Team" parades through the homes of freshman mental diminutives; Novice Debate dropout rate increases; Reed Pendleton finds Elizabeth Taylor "good-looking" at age 40; The bewildered Jeff Dillon, under the direction of rowdy spectators, receives a technical in a church basketball game for too many players on the court.

Sophomores...

By Trey Owen

The sophomore delegation had a good showing in the annual bike race but Passion over Reason prevailed. Dr. Niemeyer predicts chaos to soon follow. Roh Harwell wins Science Fair for a banana?

Bob stayed two full days in Algebra during one week — 2 out of 5's not bad. Sophomores on the baseball team include Chris Smith, Robert Black, and Harry Peffin. On the track team Chickiey and Rollins should make large contributions along with other sophomore members.

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Outing Club goes Appalachain

By Andrew Stuart

A diverse group of both veteran and novice hikers returned two weekends ago to the Appalachian Trail to hike the section from Devil's Fork Gap to Sam's Gap. David Farrar, Alex Davis, Tommy Scales, Jeff McLaren, Bert Chaffin, Andrew Stuart, and leader Mr. Womack traversed this rugged section despite cold temperatures, high winds, driving rain and sheet.

The next day, Blevins was seen

hopelessly plastered to a tree. How's your knee, Brad?

One of the pleasures of skiing is riding the lifts. One valuable lesson was learned: never ride on the gondola with Kip.

About Wednesday, our fearless leader, Mr. Sacelardes, came down with the three-day bug. As a token of their appreciation, the skiers presented Mr. Sacelardes and his wife with lovely powder jackets, designed by Bill Blas himself for the couple.

By the end of the week, everyone was so in love with the luscious powder and gorgeous scenery that they didn't want to leave. Scott didn't want to leave his many last loves.

Saturday morning, the group left this lovely vacation spot and reached Nashville late that night, all tolled, the trip was a great success. Hey, Fabian, was this a great trip or what?

MBA Players

By Greg Moore

On March 3 - 6, the MBA drama club performed its version of the Broadway play *Grease*. Rob Sommer played the lead male part, Danny, while Rhonda Dardon, a student at DuPont, played the female lead, Sandra. The play was

Colorado, tries lumberjacking. The first sophomore road trip was unsuccessful, but all participants considered it a blast. And finally, after striking out with the Mexicans in Acapulco, B.B. returns home in time for the groundbreaking and dedication of the Bill Bainbridge Memorial Lake.

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Juniors...

By Chris Guzikowski

Welcome back from Florida, The Sunshine (???) State . . . Out west, Menke sets sliced turkey eating record . . . Mr. Lanier, Currey, and "Yowww" Einkema receive "hot" greeting in Tampa . . . Drury, Edwards, and Hassel take course in creative sand design and fall just short of passing with a 69 . . . Fails, Blevins, Asher Dolloff take SAT (Skiing Aptitude Test) . . . Buddy and Marvin paint Gil's shower yellow . . . Currey experiments with gravity from fourth story balconies . . . Juniors how to Seniors in "friendly little game" . . . Wood and O'Neil limp out of Sarasota Zoo singing AC-DC . . . Pollack's Masada prom set shot down by Dr. Crowell . . . next issue: Sloan's movie reviews and, possibly, some stories from the baseball team . . . in journalism, Toby Charles.

Seniors...

Due to a great lack of usual jargon and an unfortunate amount of inactivity in Florida, Senior News is hereby deleted from this issue.



1982-83 Senior Superlatives

Most Intelligent . . .	Lyn Robbins
Most Likely To Succeed . . .	Steve Maler
Lowest on Darwinian Scale of Evolution . . .	Bruce Bentley
Biggest Gold Brick . . .	Wade Wilkinson
Biggest Grub . . .	Joe Caine
Most School Spirit . . .	George Lynch
Most Contemporary . . .	Mark Oldham
Most Popular . . .	George Smith
Wittiest . . .	Robert McConnell
Friendliest . . .	Todd Helm
Most Athletic . . .	Brooks Corzine
Most in Love . . .	Lex Harvey
Most in Love with Himself . . .	Scott Albright
Best Dressed . . .	Ben Cherry
Most Likely Not to Reach the Age of 20 . . .	Rob Carter

They passed through beautiful forest and crossed streams with a waterfall nearby. The ascension lasted for hours, until they were rewarded for their efforts, viewing an incredible panorama of mountains, valleys, snow, and clouds. Snow-capped Big Bald could be seen directly across the valley along with Erwin, Tennessee, and Uanna Mountain to the North.

The hikers rested at this point and absorbed nature's grandeur while the sun slowly disappeared and temperatures quickly dropped from 55 to 35 with inclement weather readily approaching. They hurried to find a camp mentioned in the guidebook; however, due to poor marking, they missed not only the camp but also their water source. After a few miles, though, the group found a relatively wide ridge on which they staked their tents. Showing some ingenuity, they constructed a wind-screen which was necessary to maintain stoves and a campfire.

At 6:30, as they were finishing their clean up, they heard the crackling of leaves and then felt the snow bouncing off their faces. A except Mr. Womack retreated their tents for 12 hours of sleep. Mr. Womack remained outside in the driving sleet and rain to enjoy his warming campfire and knock the ice off his tent.

When morning came, the hikers quickly prepared breakfast with rain falling and 50 m.p.h. wind blowing. As they were preparing to leave, a pack of hounds raided their camp attempting to plunder the campers' valuable possession. After the dogs were easily discouraged, the hikers moved to a trail where canoes would have been more appropriate for the Sunday itinerary. Passing through coves and a cemetary and crossing barbed wire fences, the group arrived in Sam's Gap, some tired but all rejuvenated by the Appalachians.

MBA Players Put on Grease

one of the biggest successes in a long time for the drama club. This success is due almost totally to the students who worked endlessly to put the play together.

Rick Seay, a graduate of MBA, directed the production, while Mr. Poston was in charge of having the set built. The cast itself consisted of Mack Brothers, Seth Sharpe, Steve Maler, John Heer, Bobby Morales, Mr. Fisher, Dr. Thomas, Karen Burns, Rob Sommer, Rhonda Dardon, Cathy Fairbairn, Anne Shoulders, Jennifer Draper, Dave Wood, Candy Beoge, and Laura Watson. These actors and actresses, along with the stage

crew, did a fantastic job in making the play go so smoothly.

The stage crew, according to Mr. Poston, "one of the best ever consisted of Lee Bryant, David Kurtz and Spencer Aden. The young men, although many don't realize it, played as big a part as the actors and actresses in the performances.

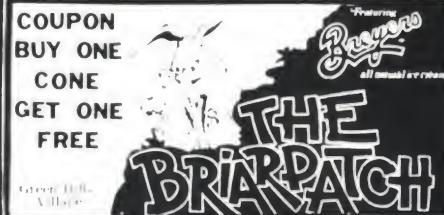
The crowds were large at each performance to hear the singing and the excellent acting by all involved. If this kind of dedication put into every future production MBA, they will without doubt be smashing successes.

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Freshmen Wrestlers Excel

By BILL COCHRAN
and HOWARD TIDWELL

This year's Freshman wrestling achieved outstanding success this season. Under the able tutoring of Coach Gaither, who received a dinner at Kobe Steak House compliments of the team, the freshmen won the city championship for the second time in four years. Coach Gaither said, "This year's team put forth outstanding effort and dedication through the season and had to make many sacrifices to achieve their success." Besides the city championship, the freshmen compiled a 7-2 match record in the regular season.

The Big Red wrestlers started the season on December 7 by defeating Hillwood 64-18. They did not lose a match but had to give up 18 points due to forfeits. Overton and Apollo were next on the hit list. Overton was easily beaten 41-21 and then the team destroyed Apollo 54-18. All the wrestlers won by pins. The Big Red travelled to Ryan on December 15 to face Ryan and Brentwood High. The B team easily beat Ryan 46-21, while the A team defeated the newly-formed Brentwood High, 54-18. Next, the Big Red team, returning from 2 weeks of grueling Christmas practices, ventured to face Franklin Jr. High, only to lose a heartbreaker because of several overweight wrestlers. It might be noted that Franklin only won 3 matches while Big Red won 5. The freshman team, seeking vengeance, beat Brentwood 36-30. The temporarily stumbling squad then lost to McCallie. The team finished the regular season by beating arch-

rival Ryan 51-18. At one point the Big Red team was beating Ryan 51-0 (before 2 forfeits). The freshman wrestling team's individual record totaled nearly 50 wins while only losing 16.

John Szydlow, a seventh grader, made significant contributions in the lower weight classes, while Chris Sanders compiled a 5-2 record. Will Campbell had an impressive season with a 9-4 record and Bill Cochran had an excellent season with a 10-1 record. Russ Brothers, who was Best Wrestler in the tournament, compiled an excellent record of 11-0. Howard Tidwell won 8 while losing 2 and one tie. Paul Soper proved to have the best record of 14-0. Reed Pendleton, a newcomer, impressed the team with an 8-2 record. Jenkins went 9-1 on the season, while Nick Stevking struggled with a 5-4 record. Other wrestlers who contributed were Jim Campbell, David Claunch, Sam Marney, and Chip Redd.

The District Championship tournament was held at MBA on January 22 and was a great success due to the help of many students. MBA dominated on the home court by placing Will Campbell third; Chris Sanders, and Howard Tidwell, second; and Bill Cochran, Russ Brothers, Paul Soper, Reed Pendleton, and John Jenkins first. John Szydlow placed fourth, but is unable to proceed to the region because of a head injury.

The following week the Big Red proved their skill by winning the regional tournament on January 29, at MaGavock. The tournament consisted of 18 teams. Placing third

Microbe Tennis

By Bryan Hassel
and Andrew McAllister

The Microbe tennis team opens its season this spring, with hopes of improving greatly on last year's performance. The team will look to Charles Mayes, Jody Davis, and Chip Blaufuss for needed veteran leadership. These three returning players will be aided by new additions Paul Lentz, Sandy McLeod, Jay Biven, Chris Baird, and Mason Houghland.

The squad will face tough competition from all over the Harpeth Valley Athletic Conference.

(HVAC). Perennial foes such as Ensworth, Franklin Road Academy, and Brentwood Academy shall prove challenging but not indomitable for the young racquetees. Mr. Carter, when asked about the Microbe's prospects for this season, responded with a confident "look for in the H.V.A.C. Tournament."

Working with a strong nucleus of seventh and eighth graders, the squad moves into the season with high hopes. Gaining experience in Microbe competition, the players will surely provide tennis talent for the varsity in the future.

Freshman Track

By Richard Duncan

In the first meet of the 1982-83 season, the MBA Freshman Track team finished second behind Apollo. Although Coach Compton said it is too early in the season to make predictions about the team, the results of the first meet with Apollo and Franklin indicate that MBA will be strong in the field events.

Rob Page, Robby Bueno, John Jenkins, and Bobby Crantz

dominated the meet in the shot put and discus events, while Paul Soper, Kenny Russell, and Hunt Adams scored points in the pole vault.

Although MBA was not as suc-

cessful on the track as in the field,

several team members show potential for future meets: Fred Jenkins in the 110 hurdles, Jim Hunt in the 200, Gavin Moon in the 400, Chris Hastings and Kenny Russell in the 800, and Pat Bowers and Trey Kelley in the 1600.

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Junior School Basketball Tournament

By Mark Flinks

The annual junior school basketball tournament was held March 21 through March 25. After practicing for several weeks during their gym periods, the teams were prepared for the competition be-

tween the classes. Because the number of homerooms in the junior school was increased this year, there were eight teams competing.

On the first day of the tournament 7E defeated 7F 20-13, and 8F defeated 8C 16-14. On the second day, 7B outscored 7N 21-9, and 8S won its game against 8G 34-25. On March 23, 7B defeated 7E 15-14 to become the seventh-grade champions; 8S became the champions of the eighth grade as a result of a 38-29 victory over 8F. Then on Friday, March 25, 7B met 8S to determine who would be the junior school champions.

8S was led by such brilliant performers as Bobby Whitson and Kevin Rhodes. 7B had a well-led, tough, no-name team under ace coach Michael Fabian. Fabian's marvelous coaching abilities, however, were no match for the awesome 1-2 punch of Rhodes and Whitson on this afternoon as 8S demolished 7B 41-17. The tournament was a lot of fun for everyone.



In the finals of the Junior School Basketball Championship, seventh and eighth graders battle it out.

J.V. Soccer Hopeful

By Bryan Hassel
and Sam Chang

J.V. Soccer has kicked off its season this spring, expecting to improve on last year's disappointing season.

About twenty players have come out for the squad, including varsity hopefuls for the future and inexperienced players learning the fundamentals of soccer. Some outstands for the team will be junior Sam Chang, sophomores Dawson Thombs, John Enkema, and

Stephen Young, and 8th-graders Scott Sprague and Peter Paris.

The team is coached three days a week by Jim Boswell, the Head of the Referee's Association and a friend of varsity coach John Lamier. The other two days of the school week are handled by Chuck Huddleston.

The squad practices every day on the soon-to-be-reduced freshman football field. The coaches are emphasizing the fun-

damental skills, strategy, and conditioning. The players are working to attain a level which will help them to make the varsity in the future.

The JV this year is an organized unit, improving steadily. The team faces eight scheduled games against the likes of Ryan, USN, Hillwood, Hendersonville, and Hillsboro. The players and coaches are confident that this year will be marked better than last season.

MBA Opens Baseball Field and Track

By Greg Moore

The new baseball and track facilities at MBA were dedicated successfully by the baseball and track teams. In the first game on the baseball field, MBA pounded Hillwood 11-1. Meanwhile, on the track, MBA scored a major upset over perennial state power Hillsboro. At both events there were large crowds present to cheer the Big Red to victory.

The baseball field is one of the best high school facilities in the area. Under the careful tutelage of Coach Jefferson the field is in top condition, with the grass a beautiful green and thick. The field is also large for a high school. Straightaway center is 380 feet to the fence, with 360 feet to the power alleys, 320 feet down the left field line, and 325 feet down the right field line. Each team has a bullpen available to warm up relief pitchers if necessary, and concessions are available on the third base side. There are two entrances to the field, one located on Brighton Road, and the other by the lower tennis courts.

The new track is also one of the best facilities, if not the best of its kind in the area. The track has eight lanes and is rubberized. In the infield there is a pole vault pit,

long jump pit, high jump pit, and facilities for the discus and shot put. A P.A. system provides winning times as well as introducing the events. The track runs around the new football field, with access to it from Brighton Road as well as from the Wallace Hall side.



Fred Russell, staff sports writer for the *Nashville Banner*, makes the first pitch on the new baseball field March 25.

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Varsity Soccer

By Chris Guzikowski

The Varsity Soccer Team has successfully completed the first half of their season by compiling a 5-0-1 record. In division matches, the squad is 4-0-0.

MBA 11 Whites Creek 0

On February 22, the Big Red opened its season at home by trouncing an inexperienced Whites Creek team. Tim Don's four goals and Allan Wheatacraft's two buried the Cobras.

MBA 4 Hillsboro 0

In a division match, MBA wore down a physical Hillsboro team on February 25. Stephen Jones and Cooper Lilly put the Big Red on top in the first half. Walt Zibas's two second half goals sealed the Burros' fate.

MBA 6 FRA 0

At 100 Oaks Field, the MBA kickers defeated a young FRA squad as Allan Wheatacraft and Tim Don scored two first half goals each. Andrew Schenker's corner kick and Wheatacraft's second half chip provided the remaining firepower.

MBA 4 Page 0

The Big Red journeyed to Page on March 4 and defeated a tough Patriot squad in what Coach Lanier terms as "our best game so far." Allan Wheatacraft tallied two goals while Tim Don and Walt Zibas added one apiece.

Baseball Team Posts Impressive Record

By Greg Moore

This year's Varsity Baseball team has posted an excellent record thus far. The team is relatively young, but according to Coach Jefferson, "has played well thus far for their youth and inexperience." Coach Jefferson and Coach Elliott's plan is "to get a set lineup during the first half of the season in order to be strong when the tournaments approach."

The defense still has a few spots unsettled, but should be set soon. "Solid at their positions are Jeff Gav, first base; Bobby Morales, second base; Will Nowell, shortstop; Harry Peffen, left field; and Alan Jackson, centerfield." The battle for third base is between Robert Black and Robby McNair, while right field and catcher are open to four or five players. The pitching will be handled by David McIlwain, Will Nowell, Thomas Warren, Chip Friedrich, and John Morrissey when he returns from his basketball injury. "The future of the baseball program is bright, with a fine group of younger players expected to contribute."

The team began the season on a sour note, losing to district opponent Antioch 15-6. A poor defensive effort hurt the Big Red. The squad

MBA 2 Riverdale 2
On March 8, MBA journeyed to Murfreesboro to face Riverdale in a non-division match. The entire squad played poorly as Riverdale came from behind to twice to knot the score. The game put the first blemish on the team's record.

MBA 4 Franklin 0

The Big Red raised its division record to 4-0-0 by defeating a formidable Franklin squad. Wheatacraft's ninth and tenth goals of the year provided sufficient offense on a cold day, while Davidson French played well in defense.

Over Spring Break, the team travelled to Tampa, Florida for five days of training. In three games against highly-polished select teams, the team played well, winning one while dropping two. The team's weaknesses were exploited against excellent competition, and valuable lessons were learned by all.

The Big Red now faces a rugged schedule against perennial powers of Ryan, Overton, and McCallie. Coach Lanier commented: "If we play well, avoid injuries, and receive a little luck, we can be very successful." All support would be appreciated by the soccer team.

Varsity Track

By John Edwards

The 1982 edition of the MBA track team is one of the more promising groups of tracksters to come upon the Hill in a while. According to Mr. Drake, this team is much improved, and they are going to surprise people. Mr. Drake feels that this team is as good as any other in the five field events. Other areas where the squad ought to be very competitive are the hurdles, the 400, the 800 and the 1600 meter runs, and the 4x200, 4x400, and 4x800 relays.

Despite the optimism of Coach Drake and Coach Pruitt about this year's season, both coaches stress the fact that MBA must compete in the toughest region in the state. This region includes such teams as defending state champion Hillsboro, Overton, and Murfreesboro Oakland. This makes Big Red's dual meet schedule no piece of cake because MBA will run against three of the state's top five finishers from last year.

Leading the Big Red against this tough competition is last year's state decathlon champion Brooks Corzine. The return of David Maddus to competition after sitting out last year's season with an injury



Brooks Corzine intimidates onlookers with this jump in the first meet of the season, Friday, March 25.

should also help the Big Red in the field events. In the pole vault, MBA returns the top three vaulters in the region with Corzine, Kent Rollins, and Steve Shankle. Corzine and Mark Robinson were both regional finalists in the hurdles, and the 800, 1600, and the 3200 meter relay teams all placed in the region. Walt Zibas, who broke the indoor two mile record in pre-season indoor action, looks to be

The votes are in, and the new track club president is Matt Drury. David Chickey was elected vice-president for his dedication over spring break.

Golf Team Hopes To Continue Winning Tradition

By Marvin Morris

The 1982 Big Red golf team staggered the state with their overwhelming talents last year, losing only 2 matches and winning every tournament, including the state title with a TSSAA record performance. With the departure of only one senior, the returning team looked to be on their way to another overpowering season in 1983. The incredibly less obnoxious Jim Brown, the continually obnoxious Tommy Duncan, and bathting juniors Marvin Morris and French McKnight, with the moustacheless, meteorologist Fairbairn's coaching, looked like the team to beat.

But with the departure of McKnight to Baylor, a small but important cog in the Big Red golf

machine, the team has a gap to fill. Hal Andrews, who has come up a little short this year, baseball reject Carter Brothers, the Hendersonville connection; Pat Parker and Roger Boyers, and junior Scott "Sweetswinger" Haley lead the race to fill the gap in the number 4 position.

The team has had 2 district matches and has soundly defeated both FRA and NCS. Play has been inconsistent with the team posting some high scores. Low scores for these matches were Duncan's .37, Morris' .38, and Boyers' .39. The team had its first real test of the year on March 25, defeating BGA. Jimmy Brown, Tommy Duncan, Marvin Morris, and a to be determined fourth player look for a strong '83 season.

Microbe Track

By Scott Carey

On April 4th, the microbe track team will have had their first need of the 1983 season. The microbes hope to fare well against the two perennial powers in this HVAC meet: Northside and Ensworth. Along with Brentwood Academy, these are the teams to beat in order to finish well in the HVAC standings, according to head coach Mr. Gaither.

Gaither, the prospective leaders of the team are Clay Trabue, Will Meyer, Rob Crowell, Robert Willingham, and Trey Spence. Other point contribution by the rest of the squad will be essential for the team's success. With expert coaching from Mr. Gaither and Mr. Williams and a strong team effort, this year's microbe track team promises to have a fine season.

Varsity Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Friday, April 8	Clarksville	Clarksville	4:00
Friday, April 15	Father Ryan	MBA	4:00
Friday, April 22	Brentwood High	Northside	7:30
Tuesday, April 26	Hillwood	MBA	4:00
Friday, April 29	McCallie	MBA	4:00
Wednesday, May 4	Overton	MBA	4:00

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